

IMPORTANT INFORMATION
CONCERNING THE
2003 RENEWAL AND CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS (CE)
FOR DENTISTS AND DENTAL HYGIENISTS

LICENSE RENEWAL

Licenses for dentists and dental hygienists **expire** on December 31, 2003 unless renewed. In order to renew, dentists and dental hygienists must meet the continuing education (CE) requirements.

CE REQUIREMENTS FOR 2003 RENEWAL

DENTISTS

1. If licensed prior to 2002, completion of 32 CE hours.
2. If licensed in 2002, completion of 16 CE hours.
3. If licensed in 2003, CE hours are not required.
4. As part of the CE requirements, all dentists shall complete a course in basic life support approved by the American Red Cross or American Heart Association at least once every two years.

DENTAL HYGIENISTS

1. If licensed prior to 2002, completion of 20 CE hours.
2. If licensed in 2002, completion of 10 CE hours.
3. If licensed in 2003, CE hours are not required.
4. As part of the CE requirements, all dental hygienists shall complete a course in basic life support approved by the American Red Cross or American Heart Association at least once every two years.

WAIVER OF MODIFICATION OF REQUIREMENTS

The Board **MAY** waive or modify the CE requirements based on the following:

1. Full-time service in the armed forces of the United States;
2. An incapacitating illness documented by a licensed physician;
3. Being disabled and unable to practice dentistry or dental hygiene;
4. Being retired from practice and not performing any dental or dental hygiene services; or

5. Undue hardship or any other extenuating circumstances.

Licensees wishing to request a waiver or modification will need to MAIL in the renewal, fee and an affidavit which:

- Requests a waiver or modification of the CE requirements;
- Provides an explanation and documentation as to why you were unable to meet the CE requirements; and
- Is notarized.

RANDOM AUDIT

In order to determine whether the CE requirements have been met, the Board conducts a random audit after renewals are submitted.

REFERENCE

Subchapter 14, Chapter 16-79, Hawaii Administrative Rules